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SUBJECT: MARINE CARGO INSURANCE

REF: (A) MOSCOW 5643; (B) MOSCOW 15351, OCTOBER 24, 1975

1. DEPT RECALLS THAT SOVIETS IN "ORAL NOTE" OF OCTOBER 23, 1975, AGREED TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON MARINE CARGO INSURANCE (REF 15351). SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION FROM SOVIETS INDICATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE HANDLED ON SOVIET SIDE BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TARDE. NEVERTHELESS, THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEGOTIATIONS AS YET ON MARINE CARGO INSURANCE.

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2. WE ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER SOVIETS'

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FAILURE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THEIR COMMITMENT TO OPEN INSURANCE NEGOTIATIONS. MOST RECENTLY THEY STATED THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO PROPOSE DATES FOR TALKS IN LONDON BY END OF APRIL. WE ARE NOW WELL INTO MAY AND HAVE RECEIVED NO PROPOSAL, DESPITE EARLIER ASSURANCES.

3. AFTER SEVEN MONTHS OF WAITING, US MARINE INSURANCE INDUSTRY IS DISSATISFIED WITH OUR ARGUMENT THAT SOVIETS

ARE READY TO TALK TO US. US MARINE INSURANCE INDUSTRY BELIEVES THAT SOVIET MONOPOLY OF INSURANCE ON BILATERAL MARINE CARGOES VIOLATES SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE ACT AND MAY BE PREPARED TO SEEK REMEDIAL ACTION UNDER THE ACT UNLESS THE SITUATION IMPROVES SOON.

4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH MFT AND URGE THAT MINISTRY PROPOSE DATES FOR LONDON TALKS BEFORE END OF WEEK. TO FACILITATE AGREEMENT ON DATES, SUGGEST MINISTRY PROPOSE SEVERAL SETS OF DATES. KISSINGER

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